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LETTER DATED 27 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 18 to 23 May 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation.

18 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900-km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

19 May 1993

(a) Northern region: no hostile air activity was recorded in this region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 47 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Ushbayjah, Salman, Jalibah and Busayyah.

20 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-7,000 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Rawanduz,

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Khidr, Busayyah, Artawi, Shatrah, Lasaf, Ushbayjah, Qal'at Salih and Amarah.

21 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Irbil, Zahko and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 59 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Busayyah.

22 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,500-10,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zahko and Amadiyah.

- At 1210 hours on 22 May 1993, two United States aircraft dropped five heat flares on Badriyah, located on the public highway between Mosul and Fayidah 9-10 km south of Fayidah in Ninawa Governorate.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,500-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Jalibah, Salman and Busayyah.

23 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,500-10,000 m, centred on Basra, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Salman, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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Permanent Representative